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News Advisory

Free Colonoscopies for Qualifying Utahns

What: The Utah Cancer Control Program, with a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is offering free colonoscopies to Utah adults who qualify.

Why: Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in Utah, but it is also one of the most preventable cancers and one of the easiest to treat when found early.

Colonoscopies are recommended at age 50 and every 10 years after that for a person at average risk for colon cancer.

Many Utahns say they haven't been screened for colon cancer because their insurance doesn't cover a colonoscopy, they can't afford the co-pay, or they don't have insurance.

Who: To qualify, men and women must be:

- Between 50 and 64 years old
- At average risk for colon cancer
- At or below 200% of the poverty level
- Uninsured or underinsured
- Have no colon cancer symptoms
- A legal U.S. and current Utah resident

How: Utahns may call 1-888-222-2542 or visit www.ucan.cc to see if they qualify.

Where: Free colonoscopies are performed at medical facilities in Salt Lake County

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